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BCC Campus "Overflows" with New Students

For the second year in a row, BCC has seen a significant attendance increase in students from Broome and neighboring counties. The enrollment boost brought over three hundred additional cars on campus this semester, causing the college to make quick plans to accommodate the vehicles.



Top and lower right: Parking space was at a premium, in the first week of the semester! Lower left: Record enrollments led to parking lot expansion on the south end of campus.

In any fall semester, the first few weeks of class can bring parking issues and new students are usually warned to come as early as possible. By the third or fourth week though, everything usually falls into place. Students get to know each other and begin carpooling, the lines to get student ID's diminish, and the campus slowly settles into its routine.

However, the challenges this fall were just too great to be overcome with time. The college saw the most significant enrollment jump in over a decade. In 1992, 29.8% of all Broome County high school graduates attended BCC, but by 2001, the number had increased to 32.2% (5,807 total students). In the past year, yield rates have jumped dramatically to over 35.5% (6,228 total students).

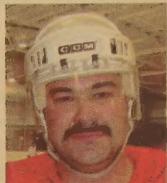
These record numbers are the ultimate goal of the college's Admissions Department, which has worked diligently to provide thousands of new students with

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Reactions to New Ice Center: Wow!

Jeff De Rado, City of Binghamton Fire Dept.

"The Ice Center is the best rink in town. BCC should really be proud of what they have put together. The new building and the very nice facilities lured us — we felt we had to move our teams here."



Katie Shuman, BC Winter Club, competitive figure skating; Senior, Seton Catholic Central High School

"This is a very nice complex. It's a great place for the community to go and have a good time. The locker rooms and facilities are comparable to some of the nicest rinks I've gone to for figure skating competitions. I also serve as a Skate Guard on weekends here at the Ice Center. I get to practice my jumps and routines when the sessions are over."



Spencer Root, age four, Southern Tier Hockey Association (STHA)

"I've been to rinks all over from Vermont to Cornell. This is probably the nicest Ice Rink I've ever been to," says Spencer's father Chris Root. "There is so much room to move around here. Spencer really loves it. One of the biggest pluses is that it isn't nearly as cold for him as all the other rinks we've been to."



Liana Greer, Freshman, Union Endicott HS

"I've been taking skating lessons every Sunday at another rink but this is the first time I've been here. It really looks nice inside! There is so much more space so even with lots of people here it seems less crowded than other ice rinks. You can really pick your own speed because the ice is so nice."



Matt Barrett, BCC Freshman

"This rink is nice, and it's also badly needed. Other local facilities are really going downhill. The Ice Center's locker rooms are spacious and well kept. The quality of the ice is the best around by far. I usually like to come and skate on Thursdays during the 11:00 Common Hour and lunchtime skate sessions. I think the rink has gotten a lot of people to come on campus and look around. It's been good for the school."



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Club Helps Students from Other Countries Feel "At Home"

When international students come to BCC, they are quickly welcomed to the community with help from BCC's International Student Organization (ISO). Yearly events bring both international and American students together and promote the mission of the ISO to the campus community.

"A lot of international students are trying to find friends, and people from their own countries," club Secretary Andrea Miller explained. "Students who are from the United States already have friends and relationships, while international students are usually alone here." The ISO is the largest student organization on campus with over 50 active members.

Membership in the ISO helps students who might be feeling homesick. "It's good to know that others are experiencing the same things," Club President Homer Maxima explained. "When I came to the first meeting I met the person who became my best friend, and he introduced me to his American friends."

A number of events and trips are hosted by the ISO. Each fall, the group holds a multicultural luncheon, and over 110 attendees came this year to listen to music from all over the world while dining. A multicultural dinner, including a show performed by the students, is held each spring. These events are open to the community.

The ISO also sponsors regular bus trips to nearby sites of interest. "Trips are very important for international students," said Maruja Lander, who co-advises the club along with Loretta Paniccia. "They need to learn about American geography and culture. This helps them to integrate."

American students can learn about other cultures from being part of the ISO, but they also become valuable teachers for the international students. "Our American students are very important," Maruja explained. "They help international students to identify with the American culture, and they help the students learn the language."

The weekly meetings give students a new look at a different culture. "All are welcome to our meetings during the Common Hour," Homer said. "In addition to planning activities, the students bring pictures and stories that introduce others to their cultures."

Andrea said that joining the club would benefit any college student. "Being part of the ISO is a great experience," she said. "It's interesting to hear all the other perspectives on various issues. It also helps students to become more knowledgeable about the world." ■



Students perform a Nicaraguan dance at the annual multicultural dinner hosted by ISO in spring of 2002.



ISO members gather for a photo during a trip to Ellis Island. The group also attended the Columbus Day Parade.

■ Highlights ■



Above: BCC Professor Barbara Nilsen is interviewed during grant press conference.

BCC, Partners Awarded Grant for Early Childhood Education

BCC faculty and staff can provide more on-site training to day care workers in licensed homes and day care facilities thanks to a \$738,499 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Early Learning Opportunities Fund to the Early Childhood Coalition.

This new Federal grant will help expand existing programs into ten more childcare centers and 20 family childcare homes. It will involve more than 120 caregivers who affect the lives of at least 600 local infants and toddlers.

Broome Community College will administer this seventeen-month grant and use the majority of the funds to expand the Center for Infant Toddler Caregiver Professional Development. The Center's pilot program was funded by a grant from The Stewart W. and Willima C. Hoyt Foundation to the BCC Foundation. The Center provides BCC faculty and staff with the opportunity to deliver on-site education and coaching to the caregivers of infants and toddlers. Professor Barbara Nilsen will direct many of the childcare activities associated with the grant.

County Executive Jeffrey P. Kraham established the Early Childhood Coalition in March of 2000. Its goal is to enhance the efforts of public and private health, education and human service agencies working with pregnant women and families with preschool children.

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Helen Veres, Veteran BCC Administrator, Retires

In 21 years of BCC administration including the last 18 years as its chief financial officer, Dr. Helen Veres has guided BCC through some dramatic changes in the physical campus and improvements in the College's operation, while always keeping the needs of BCC's students central to her efforts.

She announced this fall that she would be retiring from her position as BCC's Vice President of Administrative and Financial Affairs.

"For many years, Helen has provided distinguished leadership for our college, at all times contributing intelligence, insight and compassion. We will all miss her dearly and our college will be diminished by her leaving," said College President Dr. Donald Dellow.

Veres, a graduate of Cornell University, was the College's Director of Planning, Research, and Development until becoming Vice President in 1984. "When I first arrived here it was a time of tight budgets. There had been very few changes or improvements to the campus over the

previous several years," she said.

Veres helped to facilitate and oversee the construction of several campus buildings and additions. "The first major construction was the Applied Technology building. Many of the technology programs were scattered throughout the campus. We wanted to consolidate them all into one building."

According to Veres, there was also a major effort to improve the campus environment for students. "We wanted to improve student life by incorporating student areas into existing buildings," she said. "Students used to sit on the floor in the halls. There was no place for them to sit comfortably to read a book or just talk to friends."

Even the basic operation of the campus saw major change during Dr. Veres' years at BCC. "At one time most community colleges were run like county departments, such as public works or social services," she said. "The college eventually changed to a new method of operation. This gave us autonomy to manage

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many of our own business affairs." She helped organize the college's own accounting and human resource departments at this time as well.

Helen Veres was born in Binghamton and grew up on the city's south side. She attended College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania, then in 1974 earned her Ph.D. from Cornell University, majoring in Counseling/Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education.

She began at BCC in 1981, filling a position then called Director of Educational Technology. Her work involved institutional research and grants, much of it focused on learning and teaching applications in the classroom.

Veres has dozens of research products and publications to her credit. Many are associated with occupational education and adult educational needs. While working at Cornell, she was involved in a project that focused on expanding and organizing continuing education programs at community colleges. "We interviewed people from every community statewide," she said. "In the end we had conducted over 27,000 personal interviews. We hoped to use this information to help promote the importance

of recreational and vocational education. The research showed that New York State colleges were doing a good job of meeting people's needs for community education."

Dr. Veres enjoys research in her personal life as well. When her husband Dean completed his undergraduate degree in anthropology, they developed an interest in travel and exploring ruins, which she looks forward to pursuing in retirement. "We have visited the southwest of France, Greece, Rome, and Mexico, as well as the American southwest," she said. With more flexibility in their schedule now, "We've considered volunteering for an organization such as Earthwatch." (Formerly known as The Center for Field Research, Earthwatch allows the public to participate in scientific projects, which address important environmental and cultural issues around the world.)

"I've always enjoyed new experiences," she said. "If an opportunity comes along to learn about something new, I take it."

At publication of this **BCC News**, the Veres will be just returning from a cruise to Central America and the Panama Canal. "I hope to go to the Amazon soon, but all the trips have been sold out," she said. "We're saving that one for later."

Though she has new adventures planned for her retirement, she will still look back fondly on her BCC years. "I will miss the people most of all," she said. "This has been a great place to work. When I thought back about other jobs I'd had I was always glad to be here." ■



Enjoying a moment at her campus retirement reception, Dr. Helen Veres and President Dellow chuckle over memories of her time with BCC.

Introducing the ExCEL Center for Trainers and Consultants

Corporate training and consulting is one of the hottest fields in America today. In record numbers, companies are outsourcing training — and best of all, trainers and consultants can live in the Southern Tier while they work either nationally or internationally.

For the past five years, the Excellence Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (ExCEL) program has been helping people establish new businesses and

maintain their existing businesses by providing training, consulting, and other services.

This year, ExCEL is expanding to support entrepreneurs in other ways. Due to recent layoffs in major area corporations, many with leadership, technical, and managerial skills are now seeking work. Their expertise can be a perfect fit for the field of training and consulting, and BCC is helping them get started.

The program is also contract-

ing with local trainers and consultants to purchase curricula in areas such as conflict resolution, customer service, and more. A Request For Proposal is available for those interested in this opportunity.

Anyone who would like to explore any aspect of the ExCEL Training and Consultant program is invited to email the ExCEL program at martin_c@sunybroome.edu — or phone 778-5012. ■



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Longtime BCC Teacher is a Man of Many Talents

"In high school they said I wasn't college material," Professor Francis Battisti says.

Not only did Battisti graduate from BCC and go on to become a highly respected professor of Psychology, Education and Human Development, but he has also made the college environment one of the focal points of his busy life.

Raised in Endicott, Francis Battisti clearly remembers his first trip to BCC. "...it was for a Science Fair that was held here when I was in 7th grade. I thought the gym was huge! I won 3rd place at the fair and I was very proud. Even then, I thought that I might come back here."

His prediction proved true. He attended BCC from 1966 through 1968 — when there were just 1,000 students on campus — and he made his mark as president of both the senior class and the Student Government Association and held a work-study job in Student Activities. After graduation, he earned both a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.S. in Counseling and Personal Services from SUNY Albany.

He began working at BCC soon after, filling a number of positions over the years. Battisti began in the Counseling and Human Development Department, worked his way to Dean of Academic Services, and even spent a week as Acting President. In 1980, he finished a second Master's Degree in Social Work

from SUNY Albany, with a Certificate in Gerontology. Finally, in 1984 he accepted full-time faculty position at BCC.

He has contributed to all aspects of the College's development. The College's first Service Learning course in gerontology was funded by a grant that Battisti helped to secure. He was instrumental in founding the BCC Center for campus childcare, and has served as a consultant to the College's strategic planning committee, among other activities. "BCC has been a central part of my life," he said. "It's a community that's given me a place to hang my hat."

The classroom is where Francis truly feels at home. "I really love all of the classes I teach," he said. "What stands out from each classroom experience are the individual students. It's great to watch the positive changes in a student who was full of negative energy and skepticism on the first day of class."

He has strong ideas regarding how his classes should be taught. "I feel that the classroom needs to be challenging and thought provoking," he said. "It's important for students to be able to relate to other people who might be disadvantaged. Through my clinical work, I can give real life examples of people who are suffering from disorders."

One of his classroom missions is to give students a new view of social work as a career.



Professor Francis Battisti, TJ Bottle, Will Reinhardt, and Robbin Taylor discuss schizophrenia presentation in Battisti's Abnormal Psychology class.

"Through my students, I hope to help promote the new vision of social work. It is exciting and challenging work. Many people are still under the misconception that all social work is confined to a powerless position in some invisible social services office," Francis explains. "Now, the majority of professional therapists are social workers. We work in industry. We work in government. It is a much more powerful field than it once was."

About fifteen years ago, Battisti founded his own consulting company. During summers and breaks between the semesters, he holds workshops throughout the United States, Europe, Canada and the Caribbean. His audiences vary. "I've spoken in front of over 8,000 people at one time," Francis said. "It feels like being a rock star."

"Francis is not only an excellent BCC professor, he is also a superb corporate trainer," said Debbie Morello, BCC's Director

of Community Education who uses him as a presenter for some of her classes. "He has taken the time to research those issues essential to the success of business and industry, and has developed programs to help each company attain its specific goals. His programs on conflict resolution, customer service, and balancing priorities are some of the best! Our adult students and corporate clients always ask to have Francis come back for more, saying, 'No one can motivate our employees like Fran!'"

A BCC Foundation scholarship, established in the name of his parents is partially funded by these presentations. "My father never completely understood what I do. He could never seem to figure out why anyone would come and tell me their problems. Then one day he said, 'If you're making people feel a little better about their lives, you're doing a good job.'"

Battisti is also becoming better known nationally, as evidenced by a January 2002 invitation to work with a Congressional Commission. Meeting with over twenty committees from throughout the country, he helped them come together to address the changing housing needs of the elderly.

Locally, he has assisted an American Red Cross homeless shelter in Ithaca, and serves as a clinical consultant to his wife Helen's company, the Nutrition Network. The company provides information on nutrition and the role of diet and food in health and wellness.

He believes that these consulting experiences and volunteer efforts have been of significant benefit to his students, and have served to strengthen his teaching ability. "I've worked with the smallest non-profit organizations, as well as Fortune 500 companies and health firms," he explained. "It's been great practical experience to bring to the classroom." He has also helped to place students in internships with a number of these organizations.

In his personal life, Francis strives to maintain a positive attitude and healthy lifestyle. He has two sons in law school, and a third who is a freshman at BCC. In addition to his teaching and consulting endeavors, he is now in a Doctoral program for Human Development (with an emphasis in Social Work) at Marywood College.

When Francis turned fifty, he and his wife wanted something other than an "over-the-hill" party with black balloons. Instead, they decided to run a marathon; they have continued the sport. "Aging should be a celebration," he said. "Running keeps us healthy and allows us more time together."

This active life takes Francis across the country, both running marathons and speaking, but his path always leads him back to BCC. "My juice is graduation," he said. "I still get goose bumps when I hear *Pomp and Circumstance*. It's a great thing to see your work culminate in something. It's just the beginning for these students. The whole world is open for them to go speeding forward. It's like they're being shot from a cannon."

Special New Member Helps PTK Celebrate a Special Founders' Day

Broome Community College's Mu Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society had a special reason to celebrate its Founders' Day this year. Eighty-four-year-old Robert Sussman, one of its newest members, was born in 1918, the same year that Phi Theta Kappa was founded. As someone who has experienced more of life than most people in college, he nevertheless enjoys the classes and interaction with younger students and said, "I'm expanding my horizons."

Sussman was born and raised in Brooklyn, but he spent his summers with aunts and uncles who lived in the Broome County area. Before joining the service in 1940, he worked as a journeyman printer. After returning from overseas duty in WWII, Sussman made Binghamton his permanent home.

In 1945, he went to work for Johnson City Publishing Company, printers of what was then called *The Sun Bulletin*. He moved on to the competing newspaper, *The Binghamton Press*, in 1949, working at the *Press* for over 20 years and selling real estate on the side.

With a full life already, he decided it was time to attend college. "It's never too late," he said in an interview for the Phi Theta Kappa International website. "At age 84, I find that college rejuvenates me. I go to class for a fresh perspective. I'm stimulated mentally and it keeps me young."

Attending college has been an exciting and rewarding experience for Sussman. "I feel like the new kid on the block," he said. "I enjoy all my classes, and there is a great repartee between younger and older people here at BCC."

Broome Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter was founded in 1962 and currently has over 240 members on campus and hundreds of BCC alumni members. ■



Robert Sussman, PTK's 84-year-old "new kid on the block," cuts the cake for PTK's 84th Founders' Day.

Champion Hornet Sports Teams Enjoy Banner Seasons

The BCC Fall 2002 Sports Teams enjoyed enormous success and provided many exciting moments for their loyal fans. The men's and women's soccer teams, along with women's volleyball, captured Mid-State Athletic Conference Championships and dominated the All-Conference teams.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The BCC women's volleyball team amassed a 28-8 overall record on the way to their second straight conference championship. Coach Dawn Kenyon's players captured individual honors on both the conference and regional levels. The Hornets were lead by All-American Valerie Hollister. Hollister was named NJCAA All-American, "Region III Player of the Year," as well as first team All-Region and All-Conference. Joining Hollister on the all-star teams was Krista Schlesiger. Melanie Davis garnered All-Mid-State conference honors. During the year BCC was ranked first in the region and in the top ten in the national rankings. The BCC Lady Hornets' overall record for the past two seasons is an amazing 50-19. Coach Kenyon is looking forward to continuing to build a strong women's volleyball program at BCC.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Hornets soccer team scored a first in the history of BCC women's soccer as they put together an undefeated regular season with a 17-0 record. BCC was co-champion in the Mid-State Conference due to a game cancellation with SUNY Canton. The Lady Hornets were seeded first in the NJCAA regional tournament. Unfortunately, they ran into a very determined Cobleskill team that played them



to a 1-1 tie. After two scoreless overtimes, the Hornets lost a penalty kick shootout to Cobleskill. Coach Bill Rich was named "Coach of the Year" in Region III. Led by "Conference Player of the Year" Julie Sedlak, BCC dominated the Mid-State Athletic Conference all-conference team. Joining Sedlak on the team was Samantha Sorrentino, Paige Rosenbarker, Rachel Casterline, Melissa Forbes and Dee Phetphongsy. Sedlak and Phetphongsy gained All-Region first team honors and Autumn Meyers was named to the second team. Sedlak garnered an "All-American" nomination. The Lady Hornets were a phenomenal 33-2-1 over the past two seasons.



BCC has won or shared in five straight Mid-State Conference titles.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

In only their second complete season after a ten-year absence the BCC women's tennis team recorded an outstanding 7-1 season. Under Coach Reeta Hayes the Lady Hornets brought home the second place trophy from the NJCAA Regional Tournament. Freshman Casey Piatt won the third singles title and was named to the All-Region team. Outstanding performances were delivered throughout the year by team members: Kara Kellett, Nicole Albrechta, Casey Piatt, Jessica Esquivel, Timoney Korbar, Sarah Howe, Erin Drobny, Danielle Mauro, Tina Bianco, and Megan Ludwig. Albrechta, Ludwig and Korbar are sophomores and will be leaving BCC, but Coach Hayes will have a strong nucleus of returning players in 2003.

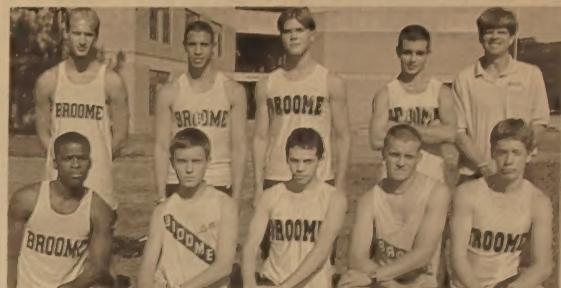
CROSS COUNTRY

The BCC Cross Country program took a step forward in 2002. Led by first-year runners Yvonne Smith and Fred Joslyn, the BCC harriers continued to improve throughout the season. Yvonne Smith returned to the cross country scene after overcoming injuries that kept her out for a year. She finished second at the Regional Tournament to secure an All-Region berth as well as a spot in the National Tournament. At the Nationals Smith turned in a stellar performance finishing tenth and was named NJCAA All-American. Fred Joslyn finished in the ninth spot at the Regional Tournament and gained All-Region honors. He ran a strong race at the National Meet finishing in the 28th spot. Coach Tom Carter has a strong nucleus to build around for next season.

Besides Smith and Joslyn, other returnees should include Mike McPherson, Sean Alter-Ballard, Jevon Hill, Brendon Sullivan, Andre Massena, Jeff Hoover, Chris Luhrs, Paul Vellucci. Women runners Emily Surace, Tanya Young, Christina Thomas should return for another year.

MEN'S SOCCER

The BCC men's soccer team turned in another outstanding



year under Head Coach Al LaBarbera. The Hornets were 12-4-2 and captured another Mid-State Conference Championship. Over the past six years BCC has recorded an amazing 82-27-4 overall record. Seven players were named to the Mid-State All-Conference Team led by goalie Zack Manning who along with teammates Jim Desimone, Nate Fiedler and Anthony Chavez also gained All-Region honors. Nick Burnell, Jeff Rizzi, and Pat Osterout joined their teammates on the All-Conference team. Manning also gained an All-American nomination. The Hornets were constantly ranked in the top ten poll for the region and also broke into the national ranking during the season. Coach Al's team provided their fans with an exciting brand of soccer and will continue to do so in 2003.

BCC's fall sports teams once again provided an excellent start to another year of the winning tradition in Broome Athletics. ■

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BCC Alumni and Staff Explore Erie Canal

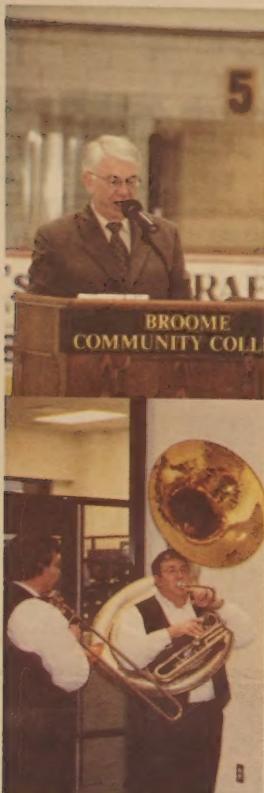
Forty-eight Broome alumni and their families, along with some faculty and staff, took part in the first annual BCC Alumni Canal Cruise and Trek on Saturday, August 17, sponsored by the BCC Alumni Association. Part of the group met in the afternoon to bike a 20-mile section of the Old Erie Canal State Park in DeWitt. In the evening, the bikers met up with the rest of the group near Baldwinsville and boarded the City of Syracuse for a dinner cruise on the Erie Canal. It was a wonderful day to absorb the heritage of central New York and share some memories with BCC classmates.

Alumni should mark their calendars now for the 2003 canal trek and cruise, set for Saturday, August 23. Once again on offer will be a first-rate dinner as the sun sets over Onondaga Lake, a trip along the scenic Erie Canal and experience the lock in Baldwinsville. People who want to show up early will be treated to another bicycle trek. The new route will incorporate visits to the Salt Museum and the Camillus Erie Canal Park as well as a section along the historic Erie Canal.

Check the BCC Alumni website at www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni for more details about the event.



Balloons, Hockey, & Bluegrass:



BCC students Jessica Stratton and Amy Hoskins sing the National Anthem prior to the opening hockey game.



President Donald Dellow visits the locker room before the game to wish the team well... and pose for this photo!



"Stinger" welcomes Senator Thomas Libous and President Dellow to Opening Weekend at the BCC Ice Center.

On November 1, BCC officially opened its new Ice Center to the public with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The night kicked off with wine tasting (provided by Southbridge Wines & Spirits), a roaming Dixieland jazz band, and huge balloon displays. It concluded with some great hockey!

Speakers included Senator Tom Libous, College President Dr. Donald Dellow, former Student Assembly President Karla Micalizzi, Chairman of the Broome County Legislature Dan Schofield, and BCC Trustee Nick Serafini.

After a ceremonial drop of the first hockey puck by Senator Libous, BCC's Hornet Hockey team faced off against Erie Community College.

The Ice Center's first concert took place on Saturday, November 2. Grammy nominees Nickel Creek delivered an awe-inspiring performance to a sold-out crowd. The progressive/bluegrass/jam band earned three standing ovations from a crowd of over 1600 people. The band stayed long after the show to sign autographs for hundreds of fans.

The weekend was capped off on Sunday with a free open skating session for the community.

Community hockey and skating organizations purchased every minute of available ice time prior to Opening Weekend, and many area advertisers sponsored dasher boards around the rink. Local companies showed strong support for the Ice Center. "We started selling dashers in early May and were sold out by late July," BCC Ice Center Director Phil Testa said.

The new Ice Center includes a full-scale hockey rink with permanent seating for 775 people, six modern locker rooms, a fully equipped pro shop, a skate rental and sharpening shop, an arcade and party room, and the Blue Line Café.

BCC's students and local residents have taken advantage of some of the Ice Center's special activities. These include "Skate & Shoot" sessions — for practicing hockey skills — and community skating sessions, which are open to the community.

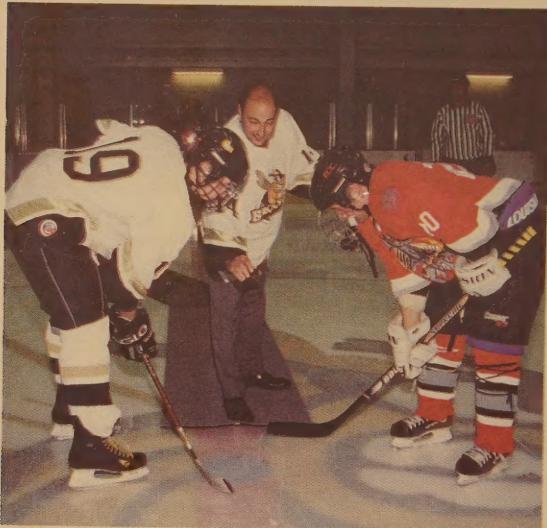
"Our community Open Skate sessions have really started to pick up as we enter the winter season," Testa said. "The local associations are all very happy with the facility and I am currently booking ice time for next year!"

For more information, visit the College's athletics website at: <http://www.sunybroome.edu/> or phone 778-5423. ■



Senator Libous greets Arlene Nannery and Dan Schofield, two of the many Broome County legislators who attended Opening Weekend.

BCC Opens New Ice Center



Senator Libous drops the ceremonial puck for the team captains, BCC's Weston Emerson and Erie's Robert Seeger.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, November 1. L to R above: Hornet Hockey team captain Weston Emerson, Southern Tier Hockey Association youth members Gavin Abbott and Kaitlyn Ryan, Hornet Coach Pierre Laganiere, BCC Trustee Chairman Nicholas Serafini, NYS Senator Thomas Libous, College President Donald Dellow, BCC Alumnus and former Student Assembly President Karla Micalizzi, and Broome County Legislature Chairman Daniel Schofield.

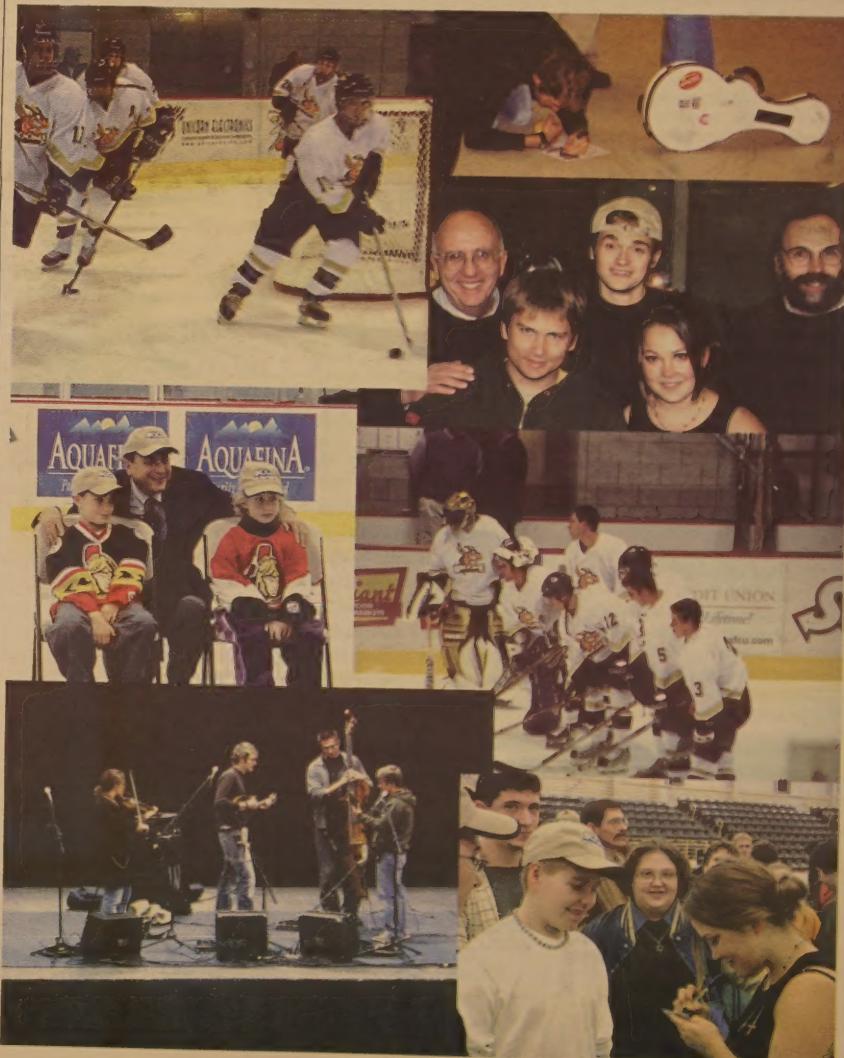


BCC Students Recognize Stars

Members of Nickel Creek arrived early for their opening weekend concert at the Ice Center. It was so early that they decided to take in a matinee movie at the Hoyts Theater (right across the street from the college) to kill time before sound check. What they didn't expect was to be recognized by half of the theater's staff.

It just so happened that four of the workers were BCC students holding tickets for that evening's concert. Shouts of "Hey, you're Nickel Creek!" were followed by introductions, special theater tours, and, later that night (best of all), a post-concert photo and autograph session.

Above, L to R: BCC's Brian Ayres, Nickel Creek guitarist Sean Watkins, BCC's Joe Brainard and Erin Maslin, Nickel Creek vocalist/mandolinist Chris Thile, BCC's Christin Bottomly, and Nickel Creek vocalist/violinist Sara Watkins.



ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

1940s

Prudence Dillon '49 TO retired from Link Aviation as an electrical draftsman. Her five children and their spouses all have higher education degrees. "You can't ask for more," she says. "All are successful."

Bernard (Bernie) Criscenzo '49 ET is retired in Southern California, living in a geodesic dome that he built largely by himself, using skills he learned at "Broome Tech" when he helped build the electrical laboratory in the old armory building.

1950s

John T. Armstrong '54 MT broadcasts a classical music program the third Wednesday of each month on WRIU-90.3 FM on the Web WRIU.org. Each week, he reads on the Brown University Sideband to the blind. He also plays saxophone for two bands: the Lafayette Band, and the R.O.M.P.S. (Retired Old Men Playing Swing) and serves on the board for Habitat for Humanity.

Barrett Jones '59 BT is now retired and living in Stuart, Florida with summers in Syracuse. He has a degree from the Stonier School of Banking at Rutgers University, and he worked for Key Bank for 35 years—six years as President and CEO of Key Bank of Central New York—before retiring. He also served as Interim President of Onondaga Community College. He says, "Broome Tech" has been and continues to be a great educational institution."

Helmut Loeffler '59 MT has worked in the telecommunications, aviation and computer fields for about 40 years, living now in northern Virginia. He is still single, and employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1960s

Barbara (Joy) Katusha '60 BT recently retired and says that, "Life has been good to us." She's been married to her husband Ed for 39 years and has 4 sons and 2 grandchildren.

Bob Turner '64 BT retired from IBM in 1993 and is currently the Assistant Vice-President at Wachovia Bank. He has three grandchildren, Riley, Noah and Lily Francis and is "loving life."

Judy Keesler Bashers '65 LA was named Engineer of the Year in May 2002 by the Region 3 New York State Department of Transportation. Region 3 includes Onondaga, Cayuga, Cortland and Tompkins counties.

Wes Horton '65 MT recently retired from 35 years as a technical specialist and engineer.

Eric C. Marsh '65 ET is now retired and owns and operates a tree farm (managed wood lot) where he demonstrates "select cutting" versus the traditional clear cutting. He is also a certified vehicle appraiser with IVan (www.IVan.org).

Charles J. Yonkin '65 CT has two grandchildren living in Concord, NH: Sophie (4) and Cole (1).

Despite Disability, BCC Grad Rises to Management Position at Hewlett-Packard

For Tim Connor (CH '83), his present information technology and telecom management position at Hewlett-Packard Company is a result of the second chance he received at BCC almost 20 years ago!

Before BCC, Tim was a very poor student in high school, and had no interest in attending college after graduating. He instead elected to serve as a search and rescue patrol boat captain in the US Coast Guard. Tim served for 5 years until he was medically discharged due to his hearing loss, which was degenerative in nature. The job market was weak, and Tim had to retrain and change careers.

"I decided that the chemical engineering program would be the best for me from a challenge and reward perspective," Tim said. "The ... program had a very good record for job placement, and my goal was to quickly get back into the job market and get my career off to a quick start." The college provided support so he could stay in school despite his disability. "The professors were very understanding of my hearing impairment, and made accommodations to make sure I could hear the lectures." Though he wore two hearing aids at BCC



Tim Connor '83 says, "Thanks, BCC!"

to communicate, he earned a 4.0 his first semester and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

Tim was pleased to receive a number of job offers upon graduating from BCC, and he accepted a position in research and development at Anitec in Binghamton. There he tested new generation photographic products and analyzed competitors' products for chemical composition. He went on to IBM and worked as a process control technician, testing and maintaining chemical process specifications for PC circuit boards. He moved on as a research and development technician at International Paper Company where he developed computer-

ized process monitoring tools to track and monitor the paper making process. It was at this job that he began programming computer process models and, as he puts it, "became the 'go-to' guy for all computer technology in my engineering group." After traveling extensively around the country to implement a system he developed for recording and reporting paper manufacturing performance reports, Tim found an opportunity to change careers and he began work as an associate systems engineer. He spent 11 years consulting on AT&T projects for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in New Jersey. Working his way through the company, he stepped up to the position of systems engineer manager, responsible for four AT&T projects and 75 engineers.

This was a difficult transition time for the company, when AT&T was divesting itself of the independent regional Bells and establishing itself as a long-distance carrier. By the time Tim was hired in 1986, AT&T Long Distance was billed through these independent regional Bell operating companies. He was responsible for verifying the \$36B in revenue collected through these companies for AT&T, and

managed the engineers and systems required.

Tim took time to earn his Project Management Professional certification from the Project Management Institute in 2000, his only formal training beyond BCC. Now at Hewlett-Packard, he provides project management services for information technology and telecom projects for HP customers. He travels extensively to sites on the U. S. Mainland, Hawaii, Australia and Canada.

All this for a person who, earlier in his life, says he did not have the confidence to get a degree. "My scholastic background was not too promising, but I was gifted with a strong desire to succeed, and I think [BCC] professors recognized that," Tim said. "I don't believe larger institutions would have provided the personal level of commitment shown by the BCC staff. They helped me launch a successful career and I just want to say 'thanks'."

To contact Tim, or to learn more about HP Consulting and Integration Services, you can reach Tim at tim Connor@hp.com or 954-535-1762. ■

Broome CC Classmates Reunite in Calabash, NC

What are the odds of three members of one BCC class living in the same small golfing community in North Carolina?

The Brunswick Plantation and Golf Community in Calabash, North Carolina is home to three classmates: Peg Skojec Hoffer (ES '59), Jerry Smith (ET '59) and Brenton Ingraham (MT '59).

Roger Terry (BT '62) is living in the same community as well.

"We had no idea the others were here until we discovered the fact during a social gathering," Brent said. "No one had seen the other since graduation until our meeting."

After their 1959 graduation, each followed a different path to North Carolina. Brent stayed in the Binghamton area, working

for Link Aviation, St. John, Platt & Carlson Consulting Engineers, Walter P. Bowen, Architect and then Johnson Controls. He retired in March 2001, and he and his wife moved into their new home in April 2001 at Brunswick Plantation.

Peg worked for General Electric Corp. upon graduation, then took time off to raise a family. She re-entered the workforce in 1972 and worked for Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation in Binghamton. She eventually transferred to Washington, PA and retired in 1997. She began another career as a customer service representative for an insurance agency until retiring in 2001. In September of that year, she and her husband

Carl moved to Brunswick Plantation where she is fast learning the game of golf.

Gerald retired in 1991 after 33 years at Bendix Corp. in Sidney, his last position as director of operations. He built a new home and moved to Brunswick Plantation in 1997. He and his wife Ann enjoy golfing and the many social activities available at the Plantation.

Roger retired in January of 2000 as Material Control Manager at Borden's (Elmer Products) in Bainbridge. Roger was captain of the BTCC basketball team in 1961-62. In 1994, he and his wife Sharon purchased a lot at Brunswick Plantation and moved into their new home in September 2000. He enjoys

golfing and "works" two days a week as a starter at Barefoot Resort.

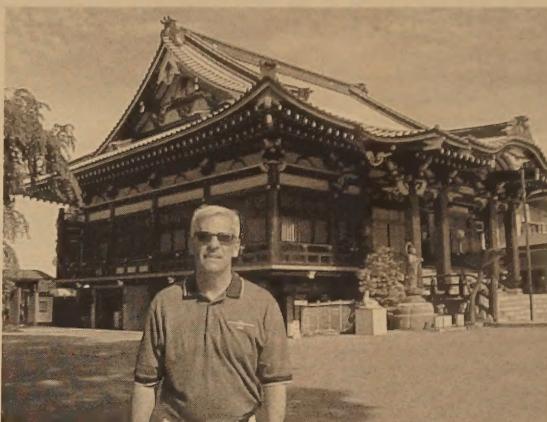
What other BCC alumni are living in the Myrtle Beach/Calabash area? BCC President Dr. Donald Dellow would like to meet you at a reception at Brunswick Plantation in the near future. The event will include a multi-media update on BCC, door prizes, food, and time to get re-acquainted with classmates. Log on to the BCC alumni website at www.sunysunbroome.edu/~alumni for more details or call Michele McFee, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 607 778-5477 to receive details by mail. ■

Alumnus Trains Japanese in Post-9/11 Security

In November 2001, as a result of the events of 9/11, Donald Chier (MT '73, CJ '77) was called up as an individual reservist for the U.S. Army. Don's service to his country meant leaving his family and putting his career on hold for 7 months to fly halfway across the world to Japan.

As Captain of the Binghamton University Police, Don's personal response to the 9/11 bombings was to volunteer in October 2001 to work at a police check point near Ground Zero, checking vehicle and pedestrian traffic to make sure people had proper security clearance to pass through. While doing that job, he heard from his wife who said, "You've been called up." As an army reservist since 1978, he knew that being called up was always a possibility. Don came home quickly to arrange his personal details, and passed out assignments at his office at Binghamton University so things could continue while he was gone. Then, after reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia, he was on a plane to Japan. He left everything in his life on hold.

While there, he looked at local military bases and what they were doing to protect themselves in the wake of 9/11. Japan is a strategic staging area and of special interest to the United



Donald Chier '73 and '77 was working as a volunteer at a Ground Zero police checkpoint in NYC when he was called as an Army Reservist to go to Japan.

States. With heightened awareness of threats, it was important that the bases remained secure. Don worked in a number of locations including bases in Okinawa, Hiroshima and Camp Zama in his position as Provost Marshal Operational Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army in Japan. In Ichigaya, the Japanese version of our Pentagon, he worked three levels below ground. His duties involved testing computer operations and acting as liaison between the Japanese military and the United States Army. He also developed a security training operation where U.S. soldiers

learned the proper method of inspecting vehicles and persons who enter U.S. bases.

"It felt good that I was able to serve my country again and be involved in such a worthwhile operation," Don said. He first served in the military after high school when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He left the Marines to attend Broome Community College.

He had plenty of time to experience local Japanese life while he was there, and he took language classes to get around, leaving the base to go to movies, enjoy a local delicacy "fish on a

stick," and a community kite festival with kites the size of sailing ships. He even felt the tremors of two good-sized earthquakes! He returned home in June of 2002.

This fall he returned to Japan to retire from the U.S. Army and was honored with a celebration that took place in Japan. The official ceremony included a band, color guard and 150 guests. There he received a number of commendations for his years of service: certificates from President Bush and General Shinseki, U.S. Army Chief of Staff; a career Legion of Merit Medal along with a U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his work during 9/11; and a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol. His wife Nancy was also honored with a certificate for all of her support during his career.

Don returned to his job at Binghamton University a few days later, back once again to his civilian role of investigating crimes and supervising a police staff of over 30 people. Whether working with the military or bases in Japan or college students on the Binghamton University campus, what he says he enjoys most about his law enforcement career is "serving the local community." ■

Anatomy of a Rad Tech Reunion: Earn Credits! Bring Photos!

If you are a BCC graduate of Radiologic Technology, you're in position to participate in Rad Tech Alumni Day on Saturday, June 14! Imagine this: a day on campus to earn 6 hours of continuing education credit, plenty of time to visit with friends, tours, and high-quality meals.

In the morning, Dr. Eric A. Seybold, M.D. will present Topics in Orthopedics and Dr. James Tersian (Broome County Coroner) will speak about Forensic Radiology. After lunch, Robert Blenn, president of Human Performance Solutions, will keep you energized with a seminar on Motivation and Your Career. Tours of the Decker Health Science Center will take place after the seminar, and the evening will be a

relaxed time to socialize and reminisce with a nostalgic slide program. Cost for the entire day, including dinner, will be \$59.

Organizers are looking for photographs alumni would be willing to loan briefly for the slide program and volunteers to contact classmates. Check out the alumni website at www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni for more details. Additional information will be mailed shortly; make sure your address is up to date and tell your friends who may not have heard! ■



Above: Radiation Technology students with Department Chair Nancy Button, sometime around 1980.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE, cont.

Carol M. Ratko '69 DH is a dental hygienist specializing in periodontics. She assists with the surgical placement of dental implants. She is also an amateur writer of essays and fiction.

For 26 1/2 years, **D. Michael Wheat '69** EH has been working at the Fairbanks [Alaska] Wastewater Treatment Plant. He uses his EH degree every day at work along with his B.S. in microbiology. "We have an aerobic process with composting for sludge. No smell — unlike the Binghamton/Johnson City plant I worked at in 1969 and 1970. Go Hornets!"

1970s

Tom Lamphere '71 BT has worked at BSB Bank and Trust for almost 27 years. He is proud that his daughter Marissa is now a second-generation BCC student. He still attends BCC basketball games but notices that there are no more standing-room-only crowds.

Joann Tarbox '71 LA's daughter also went to BCC, and graduated in '01 with a degree in LAGS. She went on to SUNY Cortland and is finishing her degree in elementary education. Joanne says, "BCC gave her a great foundation. With the money she saved on room and board for her first two years of college, she has a new car now in her senior year."

Linda Martone '72 DH is organizing a program of dental care in two new School Based Dental Health Centers in Binghamton area elementary schools: Benjamin Franklin and Theodore Roosevelt. She is also working as a dental hygienist in the program. It is funded by a New York State grant and administered by United Health Services hospitals. The S.B.B.D.H.C. is part of the effort to reach the underserved population of the community. The program offers preventive dental services and dental health education to students to reduce dental disease.

Over 60 yards of ponytails were collected in August 2002 by **Selinda "Lindy" Taggart '72** DH who organized a Locks of Hair Harvest at the Delaware County Fair in Walton. The generosity of 168 people who donated their hair went "way beyond my expectations," Taggart said.

Jacqueline I. Baker '73 BT retired from the New York State Labor Department in June of 1996 as a New York State auditor. She now operates a small publishing company from her home in Avon, N. Y.

Rita (Havel) Foran '74 LA was recently awarded a varsity letter in volleyball from Colorado University. The school recognized all former female student-athletes who competed before Title IX was implemented or who competed since then and never received a letter. She graduated from CU in '78.

Karen (Plummer) Sawyer '74 LT has been a technical specialist in the clinical virology and microbiology laboratory at Christiana Care Health Services in Newark, Delaware since 1993.

After 22 years working for IBM, **Michael Putrino '75** ET is a microprocessor design manager for Intel Corporation. He is also the audio engineer for The

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Ivan Dreyer Band (www.geocities.com/ivandreyer).

Lori Lyon Robinson '75 has worked in health care since graduating from BCC. She has one daughter, Jessica, 15, and lives in northern Virginia.

Mike Branick '76 PE accepted the NOAA Bronze Medal at a ceremony in Washington D.C. in October on behalf of the National Weather Service Office in Norman, Oklahoma. The office received the award for their performance during the January 2002 ice storm in Oklahoma; Mike is the lead forecaster there.

Catherine LaRock-McMahon '79 RN is the Director of Trauma Services for Covenant Children's Hospital, a 1500 bed tertiary care center, in Lubbock, TX.

1980s

Nancy Harrington '82 RN recently graduated from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach with a BSN. She is currently attending Philadelphia University in the Master's of Science with a concentration in Midwifery. She anticipates graduating in 2003.

Mary E. Paniccia Carden '84 LA has taken a new job as an English professor at Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA. She received her Master's and PhD degrees from SUNY Binghamton. Her husband **Kevin W. Carden '85 BM** remains in the insurance business with AIG/American General (Erie, PA). The Cardens have two children.

Chris Dickerson '85 BA is employed at BSB Bank and Trust as a loan reviewer. He married his wife Terrie Lynn in 1991, and his son Jared was born in 1996.

Tammy Givin Vona '85 DH recently changed her career. She is now Aquatics Director at the Corning Family YMCA.

Jackie [Cridle] Casciani '86 ES was married to Joe Casciani on May 4, 2002 and is working as a senior management specialist at NYSEG. She received her MBA from SUNY Binghamton in 1994.

After **Robert Neira '87 BU** retired, he completed the NYSE certificate program for coaching. He is now an assistant coach for the Windsor varsity track team and an assistant for the Windsor JV football team. He is also a substitute teacher for the Windsor and Susquehanna Valley school districts.

Kay Zaharis '87 BU, '95 RIM was promoted to supervisor of the IBM archives project in Kingston, N.Y. in January 2002. She has been working for History Associates Incorporated, located in Rockville, MD for over three years. In August 2001, she earned her Certified Archivist status when she passed the national test given by the Academy of Certified Archivists.

A baby girl, Ellen Rose, was born to **Maria [Malysa] Canarelli '88 MR** and her husband Richard on April 28, 2002. Ellen joins big brother Dylan.

Lisa [Polakovich] Gallagher '88 ET recently accepted a position as a meter reader with NYSEG. She was previously

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Foundation's "Second Chance" Scholarships Help Students Overcome Obstacles

Most of us would like a second chance in life, doing things differently, and better, we hope, for ourselves and family. Unfortunately, second chances are hard to come by. But, thanks to the Second Chance Scholarship Foundation, some BCC students are getting just that — a second chance in life.

The Second Chance Scholarship Foundation seeks not only to help others, but also to help them learn how to help themselves. This Foundation funds the Second Chance Scholarship program which seeks out students who have endured hardships and overcome obstacles to return to school. For them, education provides the second chance to build a better life for themselves. Today, 75 students in the Albany and Binghamton areas are given that chance — seven of them are right here at BCC.

The scholarship is unique in that it provides up to \$1,500 per semester with the actual amount granted dependent on credits completed and grades achieved. In 2001, four students at BCC

earned a perfect 4.0 while receiving the scholarship. The average overall GPA is 3.4776 and only three students have dropped out of the program since inception.

Success is not uncommon for the Second Chance Scholarship recipients. Michael is one such success story. After high school, Michael developed a drug and alcohol problem. He held a series of blue-collar jobs until hitting "rock bottom" in 1993 and entering a treatment program. Three years later, Michael enrolled at BCC, earning a degree in the mental-health program while mentoring others. He wanted to help others in the same way he had been helped himself. Winning a Second Chance Scholarship helped him financially, he said. More than that, it gave him a morale boost. Michael finished a bachelor's degree at SUNY Albany, winning a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and graduated last June from SUNY Albany with a master's degree in social work. He is now employed in the mental health field.

And there are other stories:

- A divorced mother of two who worked seven nights a week as a waitress to support herself, and family, and went through college despite having Crohn's disease.
- A single father of three who went to school full-time while holding down a full-time job and still found time to participate in Boy Scouts and church activities.
- A woman who left Ukraine because of religious harassment, and who had to balance college with caring for her two children and a husband who had become disabled.

Since the program began here in 1998, twenty BCC students have received a total of \$53,100. This past semester, 59 students applied for just two available openings for the program. It's evident that the need for this program is great. The Second Chance Scholarship Foundation is now requesting that all of the schools raise matching funds so these scholarships can help even more students each year. To keep the Second Chance Scholarship

Program at Broome Community College, the BCC Foundation must match the amount being donated by the Second Chance Scholarship Foundation. As a result, the BCC Foundation will be working to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to support next year's recipients. We have the opportunity to increase the number of scholarships from seven to fourteen — or risk losing all of the scholarships if matching funds are not found.

Please consider adopting a second chance scholar for a semester or a year, or helping to endow a fund that will keep the program going in perpetuity. Anyone wishing to make a donation to support the Second Chance Scholarships can send payment to: The BCC Foundation, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902. Please indicate that the contribution is for the Second Chance Scholarship Program. With everyone's support, we can keep the Second Chance Scholarship Program growing strong, helping even more BCC students receive a second chance. ■

Mike Branick '76: Forecasting to Save Lives

A driving, East Coast snow storm in Binghamton, the kind that can bury the Triple Cities, inspired Mike Branick (PE '76) to pursue a career as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"The storm that began on Christmas Day 1969 was a turning point for me. I think it was the next day (and about two feet of snow later) that I first realized weather could be a really cool line of work," he said.

BCC figured perfectly into Mike's career plan. Knowing he needed a solid background in math and physics, he enrolled in the engineering science program, and "hit the ground running" when he transferred to SUNY Albany for his B.S. and then M.S. in Atmospheric Science. When he finished, he worked near New Orleans for the National Weather Service there, then transferred to Oklahoma in 1983.

As a lead forecaster, Mike guides his staff in providing routine forecasts for a large geographic area including most of western, central, and southern



Mike Branick '76 surveys tornado damage in Oklahoma. Accurate forecasting saved the lives of hundreds.

Oklahoma, and a small part of northern Texas. But the most important part of his job is warning people of potentially hazardous weather, and Oklahoma has plenty of it: tornadoes, giant hail, snow, ice, floods, and more. Mike's decisions, sometimes life-or-death, can affect thousands, even millions, of people.

Even with excellent forecasts, the weather still takes its toll. In December 2000 and January 2002, Mike and his team forecast severe ice storms with results that were bittersweet. "There's satisfaction in being right," Mike

said, "but frustration in knowing that each storm left more than 100,000 people without power, some for over a month."

"The challenge is to sound the warning for weather that turns dangerous, but not to cry wolf when it doesn't," Mike explains. "Our users might be a few golfers wondering if they can get the last few holes in, or thousands of workers wondering if they will make it home in the snow."

Or hundreds of thousands of people in the paths of life-threatening tornadoes.

"May 3, 1999 was one for the ages, even by Tornado Alley standards," Mike recalls. "I was on a forecast shift the night before. We saw the potential for tornadoes later in the day, but no one could have foreseen the incredible number and intensity of the tornadoes that struck central Oklahoma that evening."

That event was the most frightening weather event Mike had ever experienced personally. At home sleeping when it began, Mike turned on the TV to find local stations in continuous

coverage of the event, including live helicopter shots of the massive mile-wide funnel bearing down on the southern parts of Oklahoma City.

"Norman, where I live, was close to the projected path. At that moment, I think I was as scared as I have ever been of the weather."

The storm ended up sparing Norman, but not Oklahoma City. As a member of one of the damage survey teams the next day, Mike was sent out to assess the magnitude of the storm.

"It's an eerie feeling, being in the midst of such utter destruction. No pictures, no videos, no news stories can come even close to the actual experience of seeing the aftermath with one's own eyes. It's a humbling experience."

Forty Oklahomans died. But there could have been more than 700 killed if there had not been advance warnings.

"So we likely helped save hundreds of lives on just that one day." But, he adds, "I'm not satisfied unless the death toll is zero." ■



Above: Blaze Grace, age five, is delighted with her new toothbrush after a dental check-up from Marjory Kreisher, left.

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BCC ALUMNI MAKE OUT-OF-STATE CONNECTION

Joan Shattuck (DH '83) and Stephanie Houck-Troutman (DH '71) met in West Virginia 10 years ago when Stephanie's cousin introduced them. Joan was working in direct sales for a cosmetics company and Stephanie was working as a dental hygienist. In conversation, they realized they were both DH graduates from BCC. They have been friends ever since. They met up again in Boston two years ago and spent a whole night talking about their shared experiences at BCC. At the DH reunion in June, Joan was the first to register for the conference, and Stephanie was the last. "I didn't know Stephanie was coming," Joan said. "Seeing Joan really made the reunion," Stephanie said.



1960 ROOMATES MEET AGAIN AT DH REUNION

Three dental hygiene roommates from the class of 1960 met again at the Dental Hygiene Alumni Day at BCC in June. Ann Lango from Wappingers Falls, Susan Savino from Elmira, and Joann Moretti from Gaithersburg, MD, shared a room in a house on Allen Street when they were students at BCC, but haven't seen much of each other since. The three now live many miles apart but have had successful careers as dental hygienists. "It's the best choice we ever made," they agree. "It's been a wonderful career."

After a reunion tour of the new clinics in the Decker Health Science Center, the women recalled their own BCC clinic experiences. "You don't have to pump up the chair with your foot now," Sue said. Ann added, "When we were students, there were no divisions between chairs," referring to the stations students have today. Their housing was also of another era. Ann remembers that the elderly woman who ran the house they lived in would "sit in the window and make sure we got in on time and the boys didn't stay too long." "Our parents really felt secure about our being there," Ann said. "It was our home."

Alumna Starts PA Dental Clinic to Help Her Community

A newspaper article about a free dental health clinic in Virginia planted a seed of an idea for Marjory Hizer Kreischer (DH '68), and two years later she started Bradford County Dental Health Services, Inc. in Towanda, Pennsylvania. Working with other volunteers known as the Advocates for Children's Dental Health, Marjory located grants to start up the clinic and was fortunate to discover a dentist who was retiring and selling his operation.

Marjory brought the seed to life with an incredible amount of her own volunteer energy. Recently, she was recognized for that effort with The Highmark Foundation Excellence in Service Award that came with a \$15,000 grant to the clinic from the Pennsylvania Medical Society. She was also appointed to the Oral Health Policy Academy through the National Governor's Association to help improve oral health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. "As a non-governmental, not-for-profit dental clinic, in existence for 6 years, I was able to bring our experiences to the State's attention," Marjory said.

As a hospital trustee, a veteran of three of her own businesses, and a volunteer member of State and Federal councils, Marjory wanted to make a difference in the dental health needs of low and moderate income families in her own community. "Once the idea was formulated to start our own dental clinic, I kicked into high gear," she said.

She and other volunteers formed a not-for-profit corporation, secured funding, and opened the clinic in Towanda, PA, in 1997. It was the first not-for-profit dental facility in Bradford County and included a full time dentist, 1 part time dental hygienist, an office manager and a dental assistant.

"I worked as the volunteer CEO 24/7 for three years and then became the clinical consultant and part-time dental hygienist. When we first started the clinic I hired two women who were on welfare; one became our receptionist and the other our dental assistant. Our dentist traveled one and a half hours each way for three years."

Realizing early on that there was still a great need in the community, the clinic expanded just three years later into a new four-operative facility in Towanda. The move not only generated more space, but also allowed the clinic to host twice as many patient visits. With 11 employees, there are about 120-50 patient visits and 5-10 new patients each week. Marjory has trained an employee to do the daily work she did, and her volunteer job now consists of helping other clinics get started, traveling, and grant-writing. She still puts a half day in at the clinic so she can "get into the trenches again with (the team) to tweak any problems," since really, her favorite part of the clinic is the patients.

Marjory summarized her work this way: "The rewards are daily: smiles on faces of patients who had been so neglected for so many years, and lots of hugs and tears. Every day at the clinic is like divine intervention."

She lives in Towanda, with her husband Paul and son Derek.

If you have news - marriage, promotion, achievement, etc. - for Alumni on the Move, please let us know about it!

Your news:

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ALUMNI ON THE MOVE, cont.

employed by Kodak and Universal Instruments for a total of 13 years.

1990s

Julie Angarone '94 CH is the mother of two boys, Robbie, 6 months, and Ben, 2 1/2 years.

Lila Smith '94 LT graduated with honors in May 2002 with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She works part-time in genetic research as a research assistant and part-time as a laboratory technologist at a local hospital. She and her husband Tom have three children.

Rosemary Niznik '95 BUBC works for the Tioga Catholic Community, responsible for finances, payroll and some human resources for 3 Catholic churches, a school, and a cemetery. She says, "Thanks to my BCC degree, I now have a job that is fun and interesting."

Renee' Kovac '96 BUTT graduated with a bachelor's degree in Human Development from Binghamton University in May 2002.

Katino Benio '97 CT received the Star of Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in July 2002. Benio was honored for her outstanding work to reduce the number of accidents involving PennDOT employees in northeastern Pennsylvania. Benio is the safety coordinator of PennDOT's District office in Dunmore, PA.

2000s

Susan Lewis '00 BUMM completed a B.S. degree Summa Cum Laude at SUNY Binghamton in 2001. She now works at Cornell University in biomolecular and chemical engineering. She and her husband bought property in Newark Valley and will move there in spring 2003 and build a new home.

Marsha Dean '01 BUBA earned a SUNY Cortland Presidential Scholarship for the 2002 - 2003 academic year. Dean graduated from BCC with a 4.0 average, taking one class a semester for seven years, while working and caring for her young family.

In Memoriam

Debra Hassick '75 RN died May 18, 2002 after a long illness. She worked as a nurse at The Meadows in Cooperstown until a back injury forced her to pursue another career in the legal field. After graduating from the Utica School of Commerce, she became Senior Court Clerk for the Town of Oneonta.

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The Giving of the Toys: Santa Makes the Biggest Haul Yet!

On December 12, 2002, more than 60 offices, departments, clubs, athletic teams, and campus organizations gathered at the Student Center to present toys to Santa and his Student Assembly "elves" (Marie Prentice shown above). This year a record number of gifts were forwarded to the local Toys for Tots campaign. For the past several years, "The Giving of the Toys" has been BCC's way of getting ready for the Holidays. Part of the fun is that each group brings toys appropriate to their function: the Finance Office donates toy money and calculators, the basketball teams give basketballs, Phi Theta Kappa brings puzzles, etc. Hot chocolate, cider, and donuts for all, seasonal music from the BCC Choir, and best of all, that warm glow from giving to a worthy cause, make the event a great Holiday kick-off.

For Kristin Siemon (LACM '90), a BCC degree in communications opened the door to the fast-paced world of television news — and she found she loved it!

"There's a daily adrenaline rush to meet deadline opportunities, to travel, to meet lots of new people, etc.," Kristin said. "I have covered everything from little daily car wrecks to an execution, to the Susan Smith story, the plane crash in Charlotte, lots and lots of big stories, lots of sad stories."

Kristin loves seeing projects from start to finish. While working in TV, she shot and edited all of her pieces. "What you shot that day made it to the air that night so you got to see your finished product immediately."

The sense of immediacy and constant travel eventually became difficult for Kristin to keep up with as she started her family, so she began working in video production. "I wanted to start a family and I knew I needed a job with a more predictable schedule that was less physical," she said. (She now juggles work



Kristin Siemon '90 has made BCC's Communication and Media Arts "Wall of Fame."

with an infant.)

Today she works as the chief editor/photographer for a small production company: Video Graphics of Greensburg, PA. She does some shooting, but mostly edits the video projects which include mainly corporate work, such as commercials and industrial projects, including a recent promotional video for Powdermill Nature Preserve, part of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. She appreciates the fact that she has more time now to spend on projects and can be a little more creative.

Her advice to others hoping to enter the field? "I love being a photographer, my dearest passion. But be prepared to not get paid well at first, work long hours when breaking news happens and seeing the best and worst the world has to offer."

She appreciates all that BCC did to prepare her for her career.

"Broome was a great place to start! The program was wonderful. We got to learn everything that was going to be presented to us when we got out of college."

That was not always the case with colleagues of hers who went to a different school. They often bemoaned the fact that they didn't get to do as much hands-on work at their schools as she had at Broome. She did an internship at WICZ-TV in Binghamton while still going to school and was hired there before she had even graduated. She worked there awhile, and then moved on to WBNG-TV in Binghamton. There she worked as the photographer/editor on the

award-winning Action News for Kids, something she is particularly proud of. "It was probably the best part of my career," she says.

She left Binghamton to go to Charlotte, NC, to another TV station, this time to do television news.

"When I started there, I really didn't know what I was doing. I'd never done news. It was a whole new ball game. I had to learn live trucks, cameras, editing systems."

Though it was a stressful time in her career, she enjoyed it, even meeting her husband as they both covered a fire, he working as a cameraman from a competing station.

"If anyone wants to have an exciting career for awhile, do television news," Kristin said. Though she enjoys it now, she did not have aspirations to do this job when she was young. She sort of fell into it because she loved to take pictures and has worked hard to learn all she can at each new job. She attributes that attitude to helping her make it in a profession dominated by men.

"I guess I have some creativity that led me into this field and has helped me be in it for 13 years."

Her efforts and talent have caught the attention of her former BCC professor, John Butchko. Kristin's picture is on his alumni wall of fame — graduates in communication who have gone on to great things! ■

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"Mice on Ice" Fill Ice Center with Giggles

"Elf" Joe Gwizdaloski, President of the Binghamton Figure Skating Club, conducts a "Mice on Ice" session at the Ice Center. The children's skating classes — and adult classes too — are offered through BCC's Community Education catalog. Call 778-5012 for a free Spring 2003 catalog of non-credit courses, or for a brochure on available skating classes.